

OGC HAS REVIEWED.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES  
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1. [REDACTED] of I&S, called to inquire as to the legal situation regarding the discharge of one of their employees under the circumstances set forth below.

2. Under their office regulations, I&S field employees are allowed to take automobiles on protracted field trips. This point is also covered by Public Law 600.

3. All I&S employees are specifically instructed not to use their official automobiles for unofficial purposes and they are not to be used for the transportation of unauthorized personnel, including members of one's family.

4. An I&S employee went on a protracted field trip recently lasting several days, and took his wife along. For this violation, I&S wishes to discharge the employee.

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5. I suggested that [REDACTED] contact [REDACTED] and I have also talked with [REDACTED]. Section 16 (c)(2) specifically provides penalties for use of Government vehicles for other than official purposes. [REDACTED] is therefore advising [REDACTED] that before drastic action can be taken he should assure himself that the automobile was used for other than official purposes.

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6. In view of the fact that the employee in question had previously violated specific regulations put out by I&S, he tendered his resignation prior to the necessity of ascertaining the initial information as to whether the car was used for other than official purposes. However, it seems apparent that mere inclusion of his wife in the car on an official trip would not be considered a violation of Public Law 600.

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